A Degraded Pulpit. No sentiment uttered at the Union-meet ing yesterday, elicited such loud and long appliance as the reference of Mr. Stanbery to the part taken by "a degraded pulpit" in bringing on the present troubles of the country ; and it was especially gratifying to see the venerable and venerated Bishop of Ohio, who had assisted in the work of saving the Union by opening the meeting with prayer, aiding the approbation by a vigorous use of his umbrella. It shows that his heart is sound, and that the intemperate preaching

States, and the general preaching of the Bible and Bowie-knife Gospel, will receive no countenance from bim. This demonstration shows also that the habitual veneration of our citizens for religion will not prevent them from denounceing its professed ministers when they forget that the powers that be-even J. B .- are ordained of God; and when they degrade their pulpits by preaching sedition and

freezon against the civil authority.

Strategic Union-Saving. The discipline which is so successful in the management of political caucuses, was of whom it was held. great service in the Union meeting yesterday. As the meeting will have an important influence in saving the Union, it may follow that the habit of discipline, acquired in party conventions, may preserve the nation. So the clay once used to stop a bangbole, may become a part of great Casar. They who instigated the meeting did not leave its sentiments and expression to chance, nor to the more fickle popular mind. Like a kind

Providence they forcordained both the sen-

timents and consequences of the people who were to meet, and the influences to which they were to be subject. Every thing seems to have gone according to the programme, except the part taken by R. M. Corwine. This was what, in theatri-cal phrase, is called a "gag." To call a week ago last Monday, and has not since meeting to be appended to a committee, with been seen. resolutions predestinated, seems almost like

a providential supervision; and the motion, also, in the programme, that all resolutions that might be offered in the meeting should be referred without debate to the committee, was well calculated to protect the meeting from any loose sentiments. To this Mr. Corwine objected, as showing a distrust of the sentiments of the people who composed the meeting and a desire to suppress them, and made a motion to lay the rule on the

table, which carried.

This little incident marred the arrangement, and alarmed the true patriots; but the resolutions being quite satisfactory, and contrived like the pills which are advertised as harmless at all times, and very beneficial in some conditions of the system, no advantage was taken of this letting down the bars of the programme. Perhaps it was this that caused the attempt of three or four dozen persons to prevent Mr. Corwine from speaking. But this aroused the spirit of fair-play in the audience, and after various trials, it s found that unless Mr. Corwine was permitted to speak, no one else should. At length this was arranged by a compromise; that being regarded by the meeting as a sov-

eseign remedy for all the troubles. They allowed the programme to be carried out, and Mr. Corwine to come in at the close. It is of course perfectly proper that in a meeting called to express the sentiments of the people, the expression of sentiments should be suppressed; but when Mr. Corwine finally came to speak, the sentiments of his speech were found to be strictly according to foreordination, if his speech and his motion were not.

The Union Meeting.

The meeting at the Opera-house yesterday may safely be called a success. In numbers, it was all that the most ardent lover could wish; in appointments, it was magnificent, solid and respectable—this refers to the house and the officers. The resolutions were mild, soothing and pleasant. If they are imperfects it is more from sins of omission than of commission, and from some looseness of expression incident to resolution literature. The calling of a meeting of the people, and expressing their sentiments very fully in resolutions, and then appointing a committee to write an address to the country, seems to bring the voice of the people to an anti-climax. The resolutions express the views of the meeting. The address may, and may not. It is some thing like Caleb Omar's idea of the Alexandrian Library, when it came under his censorship. If it contained any thing that was not in the Koran, it should be burned, because the Koran contained all truth. If it had nothing but what was contained in the Koran, it should be burned for superfluity. If the address shall contain any sentiments not in the resolutions, it will be unauthorized. If it shall contain nothing but what is in the resolutions, it will be superfluous.

It has probably been a subject of mental inquiry with many, what a Union-meeting should do. It is doubtful whether this moeting fully solved the question; although, as we have before stated, it was a success. That we, the people of Cincinnati, are devoted to the Union, requires affirmation about as much as the fact that the water of the Obio River runs down hill. The resolutions were intended as a poultice to heal over the wounds of the Union, without probing them or prescribing any radical treatment. But it was practically found impossible, in the speeches, to avoid touching upon the causesof the trouble; and it is doubtful if in these, South Carolina would have found any ald and comfort in her woes.

In fact, through the conscientious effort of all the speakers to distribute censure impartially, there stuck out plainly the opinion that the course of South Carolina is unjustifiable, and a criminal trifling by a State insignificant in itself, with the peace, property and safety of a great nation, and a clearlyexpressed sentiment in favor of maintaining

the Constitution and the Union. The meeting also unmistakably indorsed the expression which, we think, was made by all the speakers: that the sentiments of

the Northern people toward those of the South and toward their domestic relation have been totally misrepresented. It could l ave done no less. If, as reckless partisans have persistently charged, the majority of the people of the North, or any considerable portion of them, intend any interference with slavery in the slave States, we can do nothing for the Union. That charge must be denied before we can offer the South a Union which it can safely stay in,

It would have been well to have put in the resolutions an expression of the opinion of our people in regard to the outrages perpetrated on Northern citizens in the South, merely on account of their residence, or on susplcion of having private opinions, or for voting for the President-elect; but Mr. Corwine's reference to that omission received the applause of the meeting, and if an additional resolution covering that matter had been offered, it evidently would have been adopted. The rentiments of the meeting were sound on this subject, and that it was emitted was owing to the preconcerted arrangement of the sentiments of the meeting, of secession and civil war in the pulpits of and to the general reluctance to break in his Church in South Carolina and other

cotton States, and the mutilation of the In brief, the result of the general expresplayers of the Church by striking out the sions of the meeting, taking the average petition for the President of the United from resolutions, speakers and the manifestations of the audience, was that the people of the North are faithful to the Constitution, and have none but fraternal sentiments for the South; that all real grievances have an adequate remedy by the Constitution and in the Union ; and that in a spirit of conciliation and forbearance, but firmly and by whatever means may be necessary, the Constitution and the Union must be preserved. Therefore, we say the Union meeting in Cincinnati was a success. We have seen no report of any other that was any thing but diseraceful and humiliating to the people among

THE Rev. Fitch W. Taylor has written a peem upon the Flag of our Country, full of worm and patriotic sentiments. It is thought that it will have an excellent effect. Mr. Taylor is a Chaplain in the Navy, and has an excellent chance to study the Flag of Our Country in all its phases. If we could only have poetry enough of this class the Union would be perfectly secure. It is to be hoped that our American poets will follow suit at once. Let us have our flag and our glorious Union spostrophised in every possible style, form and meter; and then let naughty disunionists try to pull it to pieces if they dare.

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